

Remarks

This is a response to the Species Election Requirement of July 20, 2007. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute specie (a) from Group I; (b) from Group II and (a) from Group III as set forth in the outstanding species election requirement. The Examiner has indicated that the Applicant must elect one species from each of the three groups. Since Applicant elected species (a) in Group I, it is believed that no election as to Group II is appropriate. However, in light of the Examiner's requirement to make an election for each of the groups, species (b) from Group II is elected out of an abundance of caution. Specie (a) from Group III relating to the securing means has also been elected.

Accordingly, the identification of claims falling within the elected species are claims 1-11, 14 and 15.

Although claims 12, 13 and 16 have not been elected, minor errors in these claims were noted and are corrected by this amendment. A minor correction is also made to elected claim 7.

The Examiner has indicated that no claims are found to be generic, however, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 which calls for "a separate workpiece support" is broad enough to read on the invention of claim 16 having plural workpiece supports. Accordingly, if claim 1 is ultimately indicated to be allowable, claim 16 would likewise be allowable if rewritten in dependent form to depend from claim 1. Alternatively, upon the indication of allowability of claim 1, it is submitted that it would be then appropriate to examine claim 16 as having plural workpiece supports or a single workpiece support does not rise to the level of a different, general inventive concept.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

Please charge the three month extension of time fee any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

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